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1. SUMMARY: WG COMPLETED ITS DISCUSSION OF THE SOVIET LIMITS ARTICLE AND DRAFT PREAMBLE, THUS IN EFFECT COMPLETING FIRST READING OF ARTICLES ON SEABED MACHINERY. WG WAS INFORMED IT WOULD HAVE APPROXIMATELY EIGHT MORE SESSIONS IN WHICH TO CARRY OUT SECOND READING AND PREPARE FINAL REPORT. END SUMMARY.

2. PREAMBLE: CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND BULGARIA SUPPORTED SOVIET DRAFT PREAMBLE AND URGED IT BE RETAINED. PERU REP, REFERRING TO SEABEDS ARMS CONTROL TREATY MENTIONED IN SOVIET TEXT, SAID HE FAVORED EXAMINING ISSUE OF PEACEFUL USES OF SEABED ALTHOUGH HE MINIMIZED SIGNIFICANCE OF TREATY ITSELF. HE OBJECTED TO FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF PREAMBLE, BOTH BECAUSE IT EXCEEDS MANDATE OF WG AND BECAUSE OF LACK

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OF TIME LEFT TO WG. FRENCH REP PROPOSED COMPROMISE

IN WHICH SOVIET TEXT WOULD BE INCLUDED IN WG TEXT BUT WITH FOOTNOTE TO EFFECT THAT SOME DELS BELIEVE WG NOT AUTHORIZED CONSIDER PREAMBLE PARTICULARLY AS IT TOUCHES ON MILITARY USES OF SEABED. US REP SUPPORTED FRENCH COMPROMISE BUT MODIFIED FOOTNOTE TO EFFECT THAT IN VIEW OF SOME DELS PREAMBLE TENDED TO PREJUDICE QUESTION OF WHETHER THERE WOULD BE ONE OR MORE LOS CONVENTIONS. US REP STRESSED US DOES NOT WISH SUPPRESS PREAMBLE OR USSR VIEWS, ONLY TO HAVE IT CONSIDERED IN MAIN COMMITTEE. HE ACKNOWLEDGED WG HAD IN PAST CONSIDERED MATTERS BEYOND ITS SCOPE FROM TIME TO TIME AND IT WOULD BE UNFAIR TO APPLY MANDATE TOO STRICTLY, ALTHOUGH US VIEW REMAINED THAT PREAMBLE EXCEEDS TERMS OF REF OF WG. CHINESE REP SUPPORTED OTHER DELS WHICH OBJECTED TO SOVIET TEXT AND COMPLAINED THAT DESPITE THIS OPPOSITION USSR INSISTED ON RETAINING PREAMBLE. HE ARGUED THIS WOULD PREJUDGE ISSUE OF WHETHER THERE WOULD BE ONE OR MORE TREATIES AND RESERVED RIGHT MAKE SPECIFIC COMMENTS ON PREAMBULAR TEXT AT APPROPRIATE TIME AND URGED THAT NO MORE TIME BE WASTED ON SOVIET TEXT. WG AGREED TO LET CHAIRMAN DRAFT TEXT OF FOOTNOTE OR NOTE TO SOVIET TEXT WHICH WOULD BE LATER RESUBMITTED TO WG FOR ITS FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

3. LIMITS: ITALY STRONGLY SUPPORTED SOVIET PROPOSAL ON LIMITS. BULGARIA ARGUED THAT UNDER ARGENTINE BROAD COASTAL LIMITS PROPOSAL THERE WOULD BE NOTHING LEFT OF COMMON HERITAGE. GHANA STATED SOVIET LIMITS ARTICLE WOULD PREJUDICE DISCUSSION IN SC.II. SPAIN SUPPORTED ARGENTINE TEXT.

4. PROCEDURE: WG CHAIRMAN PINTO ANNOUNCED WG WOULD CONTINUE THROUGH WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15. HE STATED THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY IN THAT TIME TO COMPLETE ITS WORK AND PREPARE REPORT TO SC.I. PERU REP, DURING EARLIER INTERVENTION, HAD URGED WG BEGIN WITH SECOND READING. HE STATED MANY ARTICLES WHICH HAVE BEEN PREPARED ON MACHINERY UNCLASSIFIED

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SECTION COULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN THEIR PRESENT FORM IN ANY REPORT TO SC.I, OBSERVING THAT INFORMAL DRAFTING GROUP COULD NOT EXPECT WG ACCEPT THEIR DRAFTS AS FINAL. BRAZIL REP, IN SIMILAR VEIN, SAID THERE MUST BE EXAMINATION OF TEXTS PRODUCED BY INFORMAL DRAFTING GROUP AND THAT SECOND READING SHOULD CONSIST OF WG REVIEW THESE TEXTS. HE WARNED THAT IF WG DID NOT HAVE

SECOND READING THERE COULD BE NO REPORT TO THE SC.
US REP URGED THAT WG REPORT CONSIST OF DRAFT ARTICLES.
HE STATED IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR CHAIRMAN TO
MAKE REPORT BUT NOT FOR WG. HE AGREED WG SHOULD
PROCEED GIVE DRAFT ARTICLES SECOND READING. USSR
AND FRENCH REPS SUPPORTED US POSITION. CHAIRMAN
PINTO STATED WG REPORT WOULD CONSIST ESSENTIALLY
OF SECOND READING OF TEXTS UNDER SHORT COVER MEMO.

5. US REP RAISED ISSUE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS
WHICH, HE SAID, IN US VIEW ARE ESSENTIAL PART OF
OVERALL PACKAGE. THERE WAS CLEARLY NOT ENOUGH
TIME LEFT THIS SESSION FOR WG TO DRAFT RULES AND
REGULATIONS, BUT WITHOUT SUCH DRAFT RULES AND REGU-
LATIONS THERE COULD BE NO MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS
IN SANTIAGO. HE STRESSED US CANNOT ACCEPT VIEW
THAT ASSEMBLY OR OTHER ORGAN OF THE AUTHORITY
WILL ESTABLISH RULES AND REGULATIONS, AND ASKED
THAT CHAIRMAN INCLUDE US VIEWS ON THIS POINT IN
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO SC.I. CHAIRMAN AGREED TO
INCLUDE REMARKS ON OUTSTANDING ISSUES WHICH HAD
NOT BEEN DEALT WITH IN WG TEXT. BASSIN

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